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EGMORE,
16th February 1932.

P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, Madras Record Office.



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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1738

VOLUME XXIII.

[From May to December 1738]

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N^o. 40

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[. . .] and $80\frac{7}{16}$ weight to the seer and the Pagodas called current which we have declared shall not be less than $8\frac{1}{64}$ Touch and $81\frac{3}{4}$ weight to the Seer.

And we desire you Gentlemen to join with us in an Affair of this consequence by forbidding in like manner within [Your] Govern^{mt}. the Currency of any Pagoda s inferiour [. . .] Touch you shall appoint which we beleive ought to be of 80 Touch and somewhat better accords. to the manner of accompting at Madrass which answers to what we call here $8\frac{1}{64}$ Touch, for the rest we shall regulate ourselves exactly by what you shall do, We beg you also to be perswaded that on all occasions that may offer we shall concur with any thing you may desire of us and is agreeable to you.

We have the Honour to be
GENTLEMEN

PONDICHERRY
YE. 26th. MAY 1738.

Your most Obed^t. hum^{ble}. Servants

DUMAS.
LEGOU.
DIROID.
DUZUZE[...]
INGRAND.
SIGNARD.
MIRAN.
[GIZ . . .]

N^o. 41

TO THE HON^{BLE}. RICH^d. BENYON [Esq^r.]
PRESIDENT AND GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF [FORT ST. GEORGE.]

HONOUR^{BLE}. SIR AND [SIRS].

We have received [. . .] and shall Give our bound Re[nters . . .]
[. . .] the 1st. of July [. . .].

We have spoke to our Merch^{ts}. to provide 2000 Peices of Blue Cloth, and have cautioned them that it be better than the Old Merch^{ts}. used to provide, which they Promise their utmost in.

By the List of Cloth underneath your Hon^r. & c^r. will observe what [Cloth we] have on hand we beleive we shall have ready emb[aled by the] middle of Sep^r. of this Years Cloth at least 500 Bales [inc]luding the 115 already sent up to Madrass.

Capⁿ. Amyand desires your Hon^r. &c^{as}. permission for leave to go up to Madrass for a few day's.

FORT ST. DAVID
MAY 19TH. 1738.

We are
HOÑBLE SIR AND SIR
Your most Obedient Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.

LIST OF CLOTH			
Embaled of last years	...	1	
of this years	...	81	
			82
at the Beaters	...	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	
at the Washers	...	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			244 Bales.

N^o. 42

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR AND SIR.

This serves to advise that we have loaden on Sloop Ramah 120 Bales of Callicoos for Account of our Honble Mas[ters with] Invoice of one Bale of Long Cloth Ord^r. amountg. to P[. . .] 4 [be]ing all that remain'd of last Years Goods is inclos'd [. . .] Invoice of the Contents of 119 Bales of this Years [. . .] Lading for both.

[. . .] Vessell safe to your Hon^r. &c^a. and are

[FORT ST. DAVID
25TH May 1738.]

HOÑBLE SIR AND SIR
Your most obed^t. Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
[EDWARD CROKE].
[THOMAS EYRE].
[EDW. HARRIS].
[ROBERT ALLEN].
[CHARLES FLOYER].

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N^o. 77

[Previous portion of this letter lost].

Consequences attending them, as they are obliged to walk through Swamps and Morasses which together with the excessive Heat they undergo renders the fateigue so extraordinary that few are able to go through with it.

He has been sent to those places, but before he could make an End to the District of Saloomah, was ordered to return on Account of Bangsaraden's coming back, as we shall have occasion to mention in a following Paragraph. He reports that the Plantations in Andelas are in tolerable good condition, and that in the part of Saloomah where he has been there are considerable numbers of New Vines planted according to their late promise; but that in Koonkoy most of the Pepper Gardens are overgrown with Grass, and almost entirely neglected. As this is the Season

when the Pepper is gathering we do not think proper for the present to send for the Proateans, but we shall not fail to take the first opportunity to call them to an Account, especially the old Dupatty Sareo, to whose Bad Example we are afraid this is in great part owing, he having himself large plantations which he suffers to decay.

We had taken early measures to get the Manna Pepper into [the] Godowns, and for that purpose had hired a large [sloop] and several other [Boats] but the dry Sea [...] usual, it [...] there is 25 Bahars more laying at Peemo which will be brought up by the first fair Weather hitherto the Boats sent there have not been able to get into the River.

And from Cawoor the most southerly part we also expect about 26 Bahars which we have sent to fetch away ever since the beginning of March.

One Se Pecker in the month of September last, who had been confined at the request of the Pangarans for some Notorious Offences, and having made his Escape had got together some of the People of his Village and begun to make a Disturbance in the Country, but we sent the Dattoo with a small Party of Bugguesses after him who soon drove them away and made all Quiet.

Dupatty Maliarajah Letto of Laboong came to pay a Visit in November last and renewed the Assurances of his good Intentions to the Honourable Company, promising to encourage his People (as many as wou'd) to come and Plant Pepper amongst us and as they are very industrious they have already made several Plantations about Laye and Bantoonan. The Dupatty was received in a Friendly manner, and as usual on those occasions a Present was made him in the Name of the Honourable Company, as [...] Consultation 8th. November which we hope [your Honour &c.] will not disapprove of, as we shall [...] make any such Presents, unless [...] [nec]essary for our Honourable [...].

[...] him in the month of December last, after Several Messages to the Deputy Governour came up himself with the Proateans of the Eight Dusoons and a very numerous Attendance; We gave him a civil reception and took that opportunity to recommend to him to excite the Inhabitants of those Villages to endeavour an improvement in their Country, which for many years had laid waste and produced nothing; whereof he Seem'd very sensible & promis'd on his return to represent it to them in such manner as he hopes will induce [*sic*] them thereto. Since then he has at several times Signified his desire of being admitted into the Hon'ble Company's Friendship, promising to do all in his power to forward their Interest and offering to enter into Articles with them, which he would solemnly swear to perform. The Deputy Governour having communicated this to the Board, [We are] of opinion that this Great Mans influence in [the Country m]ay prove very serviceable to the Com[pany...]nt were sincere; in order [...]ngage him and to excite his vigi[...] \$ 10 ⁴/₅ Menssem would not be misapplied, [...] anted him during his faithfull observ[...] he should sign and swear [...] Consult[...] of the 31st: Ma[...] being conf[. . .].

Some persons who were in quest of deserted slaves brought us word that they had seen M^r: Daniel Coles Slave Se Stringan at Tanjoong Rajo, a place between this and Pulimbang, whereupon Messengers were dispatch'd to the Pangaran of that name, desiring that he would deliver her up, which he refused to do though the reward publishd for her was tender'd him, saying he could not deliver her up without a Token from Bangsaraden we accordingly procur'd one from him and sent away the Messengers a second time; when the Pangaran seeing the Token, and upon the receipt of the reward gave up the Wench, who was examin'd the 24th: November by the Pangarans and Dattoos, when upon her deposition and other Circumstances as related in Consultation of that date it then appear'd to them that Bangsaraden had been the author of the Murder having hir'd four Men to perpetrate it, but this true [reason] for committing this cruel act is yet unknown.

Upon our first suspicion of the said Bangsaraden when a Token was requir'd from him we [despatched our] Bugguess immediately to fetch him up [but he appearing] very ill with a great swelling on his [leg] thought him not able to move, he was [ready to make] selemn promises that he would come as [soon as he would be able to] stir or bear to be carried, and as a pledge [he had] delivered the Dattoo his Wife and three [...] brought to the Fort leaving 3 Bugguesses [...] who

found means to get off that [. con[cealed in the woods, and though [...] he cou'd not be detected. [...] guess after his return [...] 24th: November and tax'd with breach of Orders in not seizing Bangsaraden when he had the Deputy Governour's positive Command to bring him, he appear'd very sincere in his Excuse, which was, that his Solemn Oath's had deceived him, and that he thought it impracticable for him in the condition he was in to get away besides which he trusted that the 3 Men whom he had left to guard him wou'd not let him Escape, and finding that the Dattoo was greatly dejected and sorry for his neglect, and as he had on many occasions given proof of his Fidelity to the Hon'ble Company we were for these reasons induced to pardon him.

About the middle of June having receiv'd information that Bangsaraden was returned and lurking about upon the Borders of Andelas we thought it necessary to recall the Dattoo, who [with] several Men were set out on the survey of Manna &c : (at the [same time] we also order'd Richard Ragley to return who [was sur]veying Saloomah) to be in readiness in case he thought [there may be a]ny design to create disturbances. The D[attoo having] sent for the Young Pangaran [...] Dupatty of the Place where Ban[...] remain here to prevent any attempt [...] persuade them to go with him, which pr[...] occasion all their People to follow them and le[...]. In the meantime we have had intelli[gence] any [..] be permitted to retu[...] be admitted with [...] cons [...] [. . .] before he has deliver'd up one of the Murderers who we were told attended him; at the same time upon this information the Deputy Governour sent to demand him when he was immediately deliver'd up, and he proves to be Se Nassib one of the two Men that stuck M^r: Coles in the Water. We shall keep him some time in Custody in hopes of a further Discovery, in the mean while we will use all the most proper ways we can think of to apprehend Bangsaraden, it being impossible to take him by open force, for upon the first Allarum he wou'd be gone, neither is it possible to hinder the People in the Country from giving him timely notice, and aiding him in his Flight, notwithstanding any threats we might publish against 'em.

I [sic] consequence of the invitation we mention'd to your Honour &c: to have received last year [from] Benjar, and upon the assurances which the People [who bro]ught the Letter gave us that it was their Earnest [desire] to trade with the Hon'ble Company, we thought it [advisable] to take the opportunity of the Jane, Captain [. . .] being bound to Borneo to send a proper [Man to make proper] Proposals and get the best information [about their] sincerity which we were in hopes to acquaint [. . .] Conveyance and accordingly in February [. . .] M^r. Joseph Hurloch who is well qualified [. . .] Jose, and gave him instructions to enquire [. . .] what quantity of Pepper they cou'd [. . .] and to assist him in making [. . .] one of our Dattoo's [. . .] their Customs may be of good service to him we also provided him with some Presents to be disposed of where he might find it cotribute to forward his design and we order'd him a Corporal and Six Men for his Guard; but Captain Mylne not being yet returned we are sorry that we can give you no account of his Success.

Since that we observe in the General Letter from England that the Hon'ble Court of Directors had order'd the Prince of Wales Captain Pelly to touch at Borneo in their way to China and that the Supra Cargoes had directions to make a Trial towards establishing a Commerce at that Place, wherein we hope they have Succeeded.

The Hon'ble Company have been pleas'd to direct that the Annual Present of \$ 50 to the Sultan of Anak Soongey shall be doubled whenever that Country produces 1000 Bahars of Pepper yearly, which we have acquainted him with taking that occasion to recommend his Vigilance in promoting the Gro[wth of pep]per.

The old Tun[. . .] time been suspected by the Pla[. . .] wronging them in the we[. . .] was not possible for him [. . .] who have lately been se[. . .] persons on whose Integrity [. . .] were to see that every Man rec[. . .] People again express'd the[ir . . .] of the Juretoolis, the [. . .] and remove all [. . .] to turn [. . .] Etam have in great numbers left the Country on Account of the poorness of the Soil to Settle in Munko Rajah's, where-

they having raised Pepper Plantations he insisted the Gratuity on the Produce of their Labour was due to him according to Ancient custom among them that every Proateen or Head Man may claim his People any where ; this affair haveing caus'd a great deal of Uneasiness on both sides for many Years, The Deputy Governour thought it very requisite to interfere, and has succeeded in bring^g. them to a perfect Accommodation, as it is set forth in our Consultation of the 23^d. May.

Since their reconcilment the Deputy Governour has advis'd them to go together to the several Villages in Soongey Etam's Country, in hopes by their Presence and remonstances they might perswade the People to make Pepper Plantations there for thô' they have hitherto made it an excuse that the Soil was too poor, yet it doth not appear that they have sufficiently [tried it] and the Pangarans have accordingly been all [. . .] and Jointly admonish'd the Inhabitants to [. . .] high trial of Pepper and if that will [. . .] Plant Coffee, which by their report they [. . .] promis'd to comply with.

Besides the 160 Tons of Pepper [sent on board] the Queen Caroline we have this day left in [our godowns] [3046]. 3. 27. Three thousand forty six hundred [weight three quarters] twenty seven pounds.

The pepper receiv'd from Manna [. . .] ell by weight as the [. . .] too soon, whereof [. . .] and the Ensign enjoining them to take particular Care that the like doth not happen again. We expect the Ensign daily and shall discourse him further about it ; we must do him the justice to say he is very honest Man and behaves himself with great Fidelity to the Hon^{ble} Company in all that he is trusted with.

Our Pangarans and Dattoo's having intimated that Bangsaraden's Wife was a very insinuating Woman and that it was not safe to trust her, least she shou'd cause some Commotions in behalf of her Husband, we sent her to S^t. Helena on the George.

FIFTHLY, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS & REVENUES.

We receiv'd by the George the Rafter and Joices for the Moco M[oco] Buildings as also a Plan of a Substan[tial brick] Wall with four Demy Bastions wh[. . .] &c^t. have desir'd the Hon^{ble} [. . .] to be built as the other sort of Fe[. . .] are always wanting Repairs, an[. . .] for defence in case of an Attack. We ha[. . .]tted Copy of the Plan and of the Lett[er . . .] recomm[end^g.] to him to make [. . .] and Chu[. . .] Brick [. . .].

The few Slaves we have are busy in raising a Shed for Materials with a Compound for the Workmen which we thought wou'd be most convenient in the manner we have contriv'd it in Consultation of the 8th. April namely, by making an Inclosure of a Brick Wall 12 Feet high 90 long and 75 feet broad, with Til'd Penthouses in the inside and a Place at one end for the Carpenters and Workmen and to lessen the expence we have only made use of Chunam in the Foundation and on the Northwest side, which is most exposed to the Wind & Weather, and the other Part will be laid in Clay, & pointed with Chunam which we think will be sufficiently lasting.

The old shed being only of Bamboes cover'd with Attops, was pulled down, because it stood near the Pepper Godown, and in case of an Accident by Fire wou'd greatly endanger not only that, but all the other Godowns as we had great cause to apprehend from a late [in]stance in a Fire that happen'd the 2^d. Jan^{ry}. [in the] Arabs Guard, whereby were consum'd all [the hou]ses near the Sea Side as far as the Timber [yard] which was happily preserv'd under favour [of a] Calm night, and being cover'd with People who [Cut] off the Fire, without these concurring [ins]tances there wou'd have been no possibility [of saving it and] it wou'd inevitably have caus'd [the entire loss of the] Godowns.

[The doors] and Window Frames [. . .] George being lodged [therein were] entirely destroy'd with some Boards and Timbers that were preparing for the Doctors Lodgings at the New Hospital.

After this providential Escape of the Company's Buildings, we order'd all the outhouses such as Cookrooms &c^t. about the Pepper Godown and the rest to be taken away ; And in the month of April another Fire broke out in China Row, which

burnt down all the houses on both sides as far as the Coffry Paggar; this Succeeding Accident made us come to a resolution that no Houses shou'd be permitted in future to be built any where so near the Honble Company's Buildings as in the least to endanger them, and for the greater Caution we order'd the Lodgings over the Pepper Godown to be appropriated for stores, & that nobody shou'd be suffer'd to live in them any more, and having enlarg'd the Paggar about it we have Secur'd it in the best manner we can placing a Bugguess and Arab Centry to guard and Walk round it all hours of the Night.

The Garbling Shed wh'ch was immediately contiguous to the Pepper Godown, having an Attop covering was pu[lled] down [and] a new one erected on Brick Pillars cover'd with [Tiles].

The [. . .] House having consum'd in the Flames [. . .] to be built of Boards cover'd [. . .] a Lease for their Ground which lay very commodiously Situate for the Company's Buildings we agreed with them for the Gratuity of \$ 20 to one and 30 \$ to the other to relinquish the same, where the shed for the Materials is now Building.

The Arabs who lost their houses and all their Effects having neglected them to assist in extinguishing the Fire, presented a Petition request^s. some Consideration on Account of their Loss and as several of them have lived many years here and been very usefull especially Sallee, Chuckaree, Serjeants and Moosa Corporal we assign'd them a Spot of Ground on the North East side of the Fort at a proper distance and in the path way to Bencoolen, and as an Encouragement and Reward for their good assistance we distributed one hundred D'ollars amongst them and the People who remov'd on their Account, which for these reasons we hope will meet with Your Honour &c^t. Approbation.

The great expence of Attop and Coolit-coy coverings and their quick decay, besides the safety of these Combustible Materials have made it appear to us that it will be more for the Honble Company's Interest as well as the Security of their [effects] to cover all their Godowns with Pantyles and [our] Tylemaker not being able to furnish us with [sufficient quantities of them we agreed in February [last with] two China Men to bring us from Java 20,000 [. . .] thousand; since that Captain [. . .] large parcell from Batavia [. . .] Shoar; we shall get [. . .] good, and we can [. . .] them for Account of the Honble Company and set about covering all the Buildings with them as fast as we can.

We will endeavour to get the house to lodge the Pepper at Bentall built as soon as possible; that which was order'd at Mannah has not yet been begun, because we cou'd spare Nobody to direct the work, nor Workmen to lay the Bricks for the Frame to rest on; we have sent down some Bricks and shall provide what is still wanting by the first good Opportunity.

We hope speedily to receive the Supply of Coffrees which the Honble Company have order'd Captain Bagwell to buy at Madagascar that we may be enabl'd to begin the intended Brick Storehouse, but we are not able to go on with this or any other Buildings, the Slaves we now have being employ'd the greatest part of the Year some where or other in the Country about Pepper.

We have still a large Quantity of Salt on hand, and for that reason have prohibited the importation of it from Java till we have clear'd the Godown a little. By taking timely measures in exchanging all we could both here and at Moco Moco we have provided a Sufficient supply of Rice for Six Months at least, which has prov'd very fortunate, for there is a great Scarcity in the Country, and it is now Sold at [. . .] Dollar, and if any Quantity was wanted it co [. . .]ed at any rate.

[. . .] the Slaves, and left only the Debtors to work up the Sugar Canes remaining, but the old Still which had been mended several times broke in such manner that it cou'd not be repair'd again, as set forth in Mr. Richard Jorden's report copied after Consultation of the 23^d. February, whereupon we discharg'd all the People, and as the debtors could be of no Service to us here, we left them to remain there to be in readiness to help garble the Pepper at Sillebar, since that several of them have paid and we will endeavour to get the Money of the Rest The

Buildings at the Plantation being only of Bamboes and very much Decay'd the Materials where not worth the charge of removing, and we could get no more than twenty Dollars for the Sugar Canes standing in the Ground : such of the Utensils as we cou'd sell were dispos'd of at publick Sale and those that might be usefull and wou'd yield but a Trifle were laid by in the Warehouse. The Still, Copper Tauches and other Articles that cou'd not be sold here are now loaded on the George, except a large worm which Captain Taylor (in his report of the 10th. July) acquaint'd us he cou'd not take in, and we shall take care to forward it by the next Conveyance.

As to supplying our Stores with Arrack for the Military Slaves &c. we will endeavour to do it from Batavia ; it has prov'd here this Year very scarce [several] leaguers having been sold for \$ 50 & 60 each, [We have] bought a parcell that came in June from Batavia [. . .]ures at forty five Dollars and there being no [. . .] the Place [we] have hither to supplied [. . .]ll continue to let him [. . .]vide himself.

[. . .] your Directions we [. . .] Commanders on all Peice Goods they shall import from the Coast.

The Sea Customer has paid into Cash the 20th. October last \$1183. —.96 Eleven hundred thirty three Dollars and ninety Six Cash for Freight and Custom on Goods receiv'd last year by the George and Jane, and we shall take Care to collect and duely bring to Account the Customs &c. on what receiv'd this season.

When Captain Mylne Arriv'd having no Ophium in the Stores to Supply the Farm we were oblig'd to buy a Chest for him as noted in our Consultation of the 18th. February last.

SIXTHLY, COMPANY'S SERVANTS, MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

In our Letter by the Jane we acquainted Your Honour &c. that we had order'd Mr. Samuel Greenslate to seize Mr. John Savages Effects at Moco Moco to prevent the Honble Company's being sufferers by him on Account of the deficiency in Cash there which he has since that advised us to be \$4,011. 3. 62 Four thousand & eleven Dollars three Sucas, and Sixty two Cash, and that in taking the remains of Stores &c. several of them appear'd, wanting, the particulars whereof are enter'd in Consultation of the 7th. October amounting (the [. . .]es deducted) to \$580. 1. 71. Five hundred Eighty [dollars o]ne Suca, and seventyone Cash whereupon [. . .] charge [and] Protest [to] which he ga[. . .] 29 [. . .] [. . .] you, we shall only beg leave to offer our remarks on some things which we have been inform'd of exclusive of the General Stores : The Gunney Bags were worn out in Transporting Pepper and Salt, and most of the Materials for Building have been used on a Bridge which he has made for the Conveniency of Loading and unloading the Boats and has prov'd a very serviceable Peice of Work, for which nothing has been charg'd. The loss of the Salt besides the ordinary waste, seems in great part owing to the badness of the Godown whereof he has complain'd in several Letters.

By Mr. Savages Account Curr^t : as enter'd in Consultation of the 31st. March Your Honour &c. will see that the Honble Company are sufficiently secur'd ; since that his Illness having continu'd and encreas'd he died the 2^d. May last, We dispos'd by publick Sale of his Wearing Apparel with the small matter of household Furniture he left behind him, as \mathcal{P} Account enter'd the 10th. May amounting to \$119, One hundred and nineteen Dollars which will be brought to the credit of his Account when read.

The 6th. of August last died Mr. Edward Gaylard one of the Writers who came out on the George, and having left no manner of Effects the Deputy Governour defray'd the Charges of his Funeral.

Mr. John Innes after a few days [in bed died] the 2^d. Septem^r. of a Fever and having made [no will we] sold his Effects by Publick Auction but there [...] Peice Goods ; after we [...] by and request [...] to Fort St. George [...] their value, There [...] his Account to the Amount of \$ 3,500. 1. 46, Three thousand five hundred

Dollars, one Suca and forty six Cash and the Secretary presented to the Board an Account of all his Transactions therein to the 22^d: of April which we perused, but as there were still several sums to receive for the Estate we ordered him to collect them when due and then to deliver in a General Account of the said Estate which will be duly enter'd in our consultations and the whole Sum transported to Account Current Fort St. George as directed by the Queen Caroline there came out a Chest of Silver containing \$ 2232 Two Thousand two hundred and thirty two Dollars for which we have given his Estate credit, and the sundry Effects which were brought from England and Fort St: George were disposed of at publick sale and the Account of Particulars enter'd after Consultation of the 10th: July.

Mr. Constantine Haywood Writer was taken ill of a violent Flux which ended his Life the 30th: January last, what he left did not suffice to pay the small debts he had contracted and was divided amongst the Persons to whom he ow'd as order'd in Consultation of the 27th: February.

The 8th: February last Mr: James Jeddere at about Eight a [Clock in the] Evening went into his Garden within [...] h[...] to bath hi[...] search was immediately made for the Murderer, but to no purpose: When the Deceas'd had been put to Bed a little while and dress'd he declared to several persons then present, that he beleiv'd his Nias Slave London had committed the Fact, and that he was the more suspicious of it, because of his Extraordinary Officiousness in Attending him then, when he had but the day before beaten his Child very severely; upon this we had him secur'd, and as soon as he was confin'd in the Cockhouse, he impeach'd another Nias Man belonging to Mr: Jeddere call'd Cupid who being strictly examin'd, prov'd his innocence, after that he accus'd the same Man and another together, but that appearing also false he was himself tryed the 20th: April by the Pangarans and Dattoo's, who found him Guilty and condemn'd him and he has been executed accordingly.

There being a spot of Ground called Hungerford put up at Mr: Jeddere's outery with Land where his Plantation was: to avoid all further trouble from his heirs concerning the same we bought it for \$ 25 twenty five Dollars.

The 20th: May last we lost Mr: Richard Jorden fourth of Council, who died of a Fever [and] having left no Will his Effects have been sold by [publick] Outery as ¶ Particulars enter'd in our Consultⁿ: [of the] [21st.] May.

[...]riah Hodgkin Writer [...] th: June last by a [...] intoxicated with [...] as the poor Gentlemⁿ: [...] nce about; this Man came behind and thrust 2 Lances into him which immediately depriv'd him of Speech and he died that Eve'ning; the Fellow was pursued & after a great deal of trouble kill'd for there was no taking him alive: the affair is in consultation of the 11th: of that Month, and the 14th: we had Mr: Hodgkins Effects sold at Auction, he dying intestate; the Account is also enter'd the 15th:

Mr: William Coles returns Your Honour &c^t: thanks for appointing him in Council.

We have paid all the Demands on Mr. Hawkes's Estate here agreeable to your Orders, and the Ballance remaining due thereto this day is \$ 115.—.59 One hundred fifteen Dollars & fifty nine Cash.

We have according to your Directions given M[...] what had been short paid him of [...]ance, and he is very thankful for [the same].

The Hon^{ble} Company have thought [...] Chaplain, and elected Mr: Francis [...]fice, but he having made an [...] Helena with the Rev^d: Mr: Francis[...] Arriv'd on the [Queen Caroline], we shall [...] on the sa[...] are ordered [...] eighteen Recruits but have lost thirty four Soldiers by Death in one Year from July 1737 to this day: this great number together with about ten discharg'd last Year has much reduc'd our Garrison, and as are now going to send away near twenty Dutch Men as fast as we have Opportunity, we humbly request you will send us a fresh Supply by the first conveyance, We have sent three Dutch, namely Hendrick Kellis, James Findley, and Hendrick Waggoner, by the George, and as she is but a small ship, we did not think it safe to trust any more of them on board her.

The Arabs being very usefull here both for Land and Sea Service, we intreat you will please to order us about ten by the next Opportunity.

As [the several] People employ'd at the Ar[...] great Guard to Sillebar be[...] when they were remov'd [. . .] to the number of Buggu[...] urity of that Residency [...] much dispers'd about the [...] &c: and on several Messag[...] hire one Corporal [and] eight Men [...] Pangarans about [...] to give them the [...] been discharg'd.

[...] Adjustments came [...] Books, but we shall [...] the next Mr: Gee's Account was Settled and the Ballance paid in by his Executors here, exclusive of the Deficiencies and surpluses in the Company's Effects at Moco Moco, which were referr'd to Your Honour &c^{ts}: Determination, and on account whereof you have receiv'd \$ 141. 3. One hundred forty one Dollars and three sucas for the deficiency of Pepper, the other Articles appear to be of such a nature, that we do not suspect any Embezzlement by the deceased and shall wait Your Orders concerning them.

Agreeable to your Permission Mr: Rigg's small Deficiencies in the Paymaster's remains are wrote off his Account; for which he begs leave to make his Acknowledgment.

Mr: Charles Barbut Attorney to Mr: Everests Heirs has paid into cash on that Account the 22^d: of April last \$ 600 Six hundred Dollars and the [...] Instant \$ [200 two] hundred Dollars which are carried [...] nt current Fort S^t: George pursuant [...] in our Running Books.

Captain White paid into the [Honble Companys Cash] \$ 4000 Four thousand Dollars for [...] a Certificate, as the Honble Court of [...].

Agreeable to the Honble Company [...] and Horses bought of Mr: [...] 21st: November [.] for the Coac[h] [...] kept one here in case of an Accident to supply the Ships and the other is put on board the George as ^Qr. Invoice.

The George has brought us 7 Transports who are set to work amongst the Slaves and as we have no Account of their Cost we have Credited Account Curr^t: Fort S^t: George for them at the rate of thirty Dollars each.

By a Peon just Arriv'd from Java we hear that both the Prince of Wales and the Jane were safe at Benjar, but cou'd not learn any further particulars.

Mr: William Rigg paid into cash the 4th: Instant for Account the Estate of Mr: Charles Gee deceas'd \$ 62. 1, sixty two Dollars one Suca.

Our Secretary who is also Accomptant ha[ving] been very [ill since] the George's Arrival and [...] any Business till within th[...] stance being only usefull to [...] has caused the George's Retard[...] Honour &c^{ts}: will pardon [...] not prevent and is not ow[...] thing having been du[...] prosperous Voyage, and are

HO^NBLE. S^R. & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT MARLBOROUGH
7th: AUGUST 1738.

ROBERT LENNOX.
WILLIAM RIGG.
CHARLES BARBUT.

N^o. 78

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r:
PRESIDENT & GOV^{ER}: & C^{TS}. COUNCILL
OF FORT S^T: GEORGE.

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRS

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last by the Mary Brigantine, this Incloses the Duplicate Invoice & Second Bill of Lading for 144 Bales of Calicoes laden on her on our Honble Masters Account. The 17th: Instant the Appollo Monss^r: Laithetris

No. 80

TO THE HONBLE. RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R.
PRESID^T & GOV^R. & C^T COUNCIL.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

This is to inclose the Accounts of [. . .] [for the month] of August, and Cash Account for [. . . -the]reof Pagodas 7670. 25. 52.

Mr. Robert. Caesar dyed the 28 Ins^t. [. . .]der the Charge of the Paymaster and [. . .]rson eluses [sic] to administer here we [. . .] directions therein.

The Ballance of our Cash being but [. . .]proaching, we desire your [. . .] supply cloth on [. . .] [. . .].

[HONBLE SIR & SIRs]
[Your most obedient Servants]

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. SEPTEMBER 1738.

[JAMES HUBBARD].
[EDWARD CROKE].
[THOMAS EYRE].
[EDWARD HARRIS].
[ROBERT ALLEN].
[CHARLES FLOYER].

LIST OF CLOTH.

At the Beaters	...	...	60
At the Washers	...	...	173
At the Dyers	...	...	15
			248 Bale.

No. 81

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & C^T. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE S^a. & SIRs

This Accompany's the Cash and Paymasters Accounts with our Diary and Consultations for August, and the Ingeram Journal Parcels for four months, from the first of May to the last of August Our Books are clos'd and are Copying over in order to be sent up by the next Co[n]veyance.

From the time that the Dutch Ship Arriv'd at Bimlepatam a Peon has been kept to take an Account of the number of Bales that has been sent off. The last Account that we have from thence is, that there was [Eight] hundred W[hite] Bales already sent on board, and [. . .] Ba[les of brown] Cloth remaining in the Godow[ns] [. . .] whether they would be sent [. . .] Ship was taking in [wood and water and was to sail] in a few days.

[. . .] Honour & c^{ts}. permission [. . .] December.

[. . .]ved here the [. . .] to your Honour [. . .].

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

VIZAGAPATAM
27TH. SEPT^R. [1738].

JOHN SANDERSON.
RICHARD PRINCE.

No. 82

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs.

I have this opportunity by the Mary Joseph, a Country Ship bound for Pondicherry; as it is the last I can have (there being no more in this part of India) I am willing to embrace it, as well to pay my respects, as to acquaint your Hon^r. & C^t. of the Arrival of the Ship Halifax & C^t.; which I have wrote at large by the Thytis, who saild about 17 days past; but as Accidents may happen, I embrace all opportunities that you may not be deprived of the Advice of the Arrival of the Ship & C^t. therefore hope you'll excuse my troubling you with a repetition of the same.

I left Ingelie the first of March, & parted with the Pilot the 8, after a very troublesome passage out, I lost an Anchor and Cable, and was in Danger of Parting all; the Southerly Winds setting in very strong with Sea & Tide was very near obliged to put back; I had a very good Passage out of the Bay, by keeping well to the Eastward; I mett favourable Winds and Crost the Line in 28 days, & till the last day of April had a very good prospect of gaining my Passage, being then in the Latitude of 23^d, 17 South & MD, at P^t. Palm^r: 25, 23, West, which by a Journal I have of the last voyage of the Princess Royal is the same spot she was in the 27th of the same Month so that there was but three days difference of time and she got round the first of June, therefore as we had [. . .] already in the distance we had run (she leave [. . .]^d February,) we had reason to believe we should [. . .] but were disappointed [. . .] eing attended [. . .] and [. . .] and continued [. . .] should [. . .] longer [. . .] had such Violent [. . .] Wind for 5 or 6 Min^{ts}: at which time the Sea made a fair breach over us, I do believe we may esteem ourselves happy in having bore away the time we did for the night following was the most dismal one I ever met since I used the Sea, such violent hurricanes of Wind, and such prodigious large Seas, which obliged me to carry a great Sail to prevent the Sea's pooping us, tho' I expected the Masts to have gone every moment The Ship proved very tite and lively in the sea, and have receiv'd no damage of Masts or any thing except some Sails blowing from the Yards. A French Ship who was dispatched from Pondicherry the 23^d: of February O.S. has lost her Passage and put in here to Winter, She bore away two days before Us, Viz: the 25th May O.S. being in the Latitude of the Cape and about 150 Leagues to the East ward: We bore away the 27th and was above 360 Leagues to the Eastward of the Cape, I made the Island of Mauritius the 24th: of June at Sunset, bearing W.N.W. 14 Leagues at the same time had 16^o: 30" West Variation, then stood in till I made Round Islands which I kept close Aboard, and we went without all, the other Islands keeping about 2 Miles distance from (except the inermost in our Charts is called Hang Rock; and makes like a Gunners Coin) and that I was but a Mile distant from, and had 35 fath^r: Water, and am informed you may come so near as to through a Biskuit ashore without danger after passing that Island I halled in for the Land, till I made a [Reef] of Rocks off Long Point about two Miles at most from the Shore, but you may come within a Mile or a Mile and a half of them without danger as it is all to be seen in the day, after you pass them, you see the Toron, then keep the Land close aboard because the Wind is off Shore; you may come within two or three [Miles of the] shore and have from twenty to thirty fathams; If night [. . .] and you are fearfull to keep under Sail, you may [. . .] or 20 fathams, but the Ground is not very good till you are [. . .] There is [. . .] the Reef and the Harbour [. . .] your Lead goi^{ng} [. . .] under 8 or 9 fathams, you [. . .] well in the [. . .] There is two Lights kept [. . .] one on the [. . .] High Hill and the other at a Rising [. . .] is the Mark to Anchor, between them As I have inform'd your Honour & C^t. the Passage I came in, I shall now proceed to acquaint you of the Passage the french ships make use of, which is much better than going round all, as the Wind and Current is off shore there is a difficulty in getting the Land aboard

again, but they go within all the Islands but one, which passage I was a Stranger to, being the first English Ship that has come here since the French inhabited the Island; and as I had no one on board that had been here, or could learn whether there was a passage between the Isles, I took the safest method by going round, and if I had not fetched in, I had still Mascarine under my Lee, but was willing to try this Island first, as I had it in my power to go to the other at any time if I had not met a favourable Reception here. The French make the Body of the Island as we did, and then make Round Islands which they leave without, Steering within all the small Islands except one which in our Charts is called hang Rock and makes like a Coin which they keep close aboard to avoid a Reef off Long Islands which lays off about a Mile and half but there is a good Channel and no Danger: after you are past the Coin, stand in for the Land and you will make the Reef off Long Point, you may steer within a Mile and half of them, I had no Ground 60 fath^m. 2 Miles off, after you pass them there is no danger, you must then keep the Shore aboard as before directed; You are to observe if you cannot have daylight to pass the Coin, to get beyond the Reef of Rocks, off Long Point before night it is best to tack, and stand out again, making Trips till Morning, for if you lay too the Current in so strong near the Islands [. . .] Leeward and oblige you to stand to the Eastward to [. . .] again; As I have [. . .] as is [necessary] ship to the Ha[. . .] not say any [. . .] the [. . .] than [. . .] an Officer a [. . .] aboard with [. . .] and Me[. . .] Moors her before [. . .] the Channel narrow that you are obliged to Warp in, but their assistance of long Warps and Boats, makes it very easy, genereally getting is and moored in a Day; We had the good fortune to sail in directly, but that Seldom happens. I was assisted in a very friendly manner; when I put in was in a very weak Condition, I had buried seven, in my passage and the major part sick: I have buried two since I came in, and another is given over; The others are in a fair way of Recovery. I am sorry I have not had time to finish the Draught of the Harbour, soundings, and the Channel of the Islands to have sent you by this Ship, as I wrote you in my last that I intended myself the Honour; It is not half compleated, they have had so many Ships here, and such occasion for their Boats that I could not get one to go out to the Islands till the Shipping sailed.

I hope Your Hon^r. &c^t. will excuse my giving you this trouble, and believe it is out of Regard to the safety, and Service of any Ship who may be apprehensive of losing her Passage, and as I am the first Ship that has put in here, I think it my Duty to be particular in acquainting you of the Port, and the Passage in, which I do not doubt but you will communicate to the Commanders in your service, as they cannot come to a better Port for the safety of a ship & Cargo, or a supply of all necessaries a ship can want, this Place being a Magazine of Naval stores to the least trifle, that if a Ship was Leaky, or wanted repair, the Governour assures me they may lay all their Cargo, stores &c^t: in the Company's Warehouses & heave down; which they can do here much better than in Bengall River, as they have a very good hulk, and always as smooth as a Tank, and Tradesmen of all sorts, as well for shipping as other Bussinesses, and may have any Timber a ship can want, cut to their [dimensions]. We lay in $4\frac{1}{2}$ fath^m: Water close to Coopers Island where are [. . .] will contain all our stores, Water Casks &c^t: which is a [. . .] to Shipping, and what you cannot have at Mascarine [. . .] dangerous [. . .] in a Mile of the shore and [. . .] fath^m: Water, a [. . .] swell in the Road and a [. . .] in the harde [. . .] have here, it is as smooth as a [. . .] other [wind . . .] her can hurt a Ship; I am pretty well assured if our shipping were acquainted with this Port they would never Venture to lay at Mascarine, and as the directions which I take the Liberty to trouble you with would have been a great satisfaction to me so I beleive they will be to any who should be under the same misfortune of losing their Passage, as I beleive they would rather chuse to lay in a safe Harbour than in an Open Road; and as I cannot Write to them not knowing who are the late Ships obliges me to give your Honour &c^t: this trouble, which I hope you will receive as my Duty, and a desire of imbracing all Opportunities of serving my Employers. They have had no advices from

Mascarine since the 13th: June O.S. at which time there was no English Ship there, but if any has put in since I cannot be able to advise you of it as this Ship is the last for India, but have wrote to the Commander of any of the English Ships [in case there is any there] that I shall sail from hence the 1st: of November at furthest and sweep the Road of Mascarine to join Company if any of the Hon^{ble} Company's Ships should be there. The French Ships do not sail till the 15 or 20th: December, and therefore I shall not wait for them as it will be a great loss of time. Provision is Plenty at this Port, Beef which is very good is 4 sols a french pound which is somewhat more than an English Pound; Stag which are very large weighing 100 to 140 lb, each, fat & exceeding good Meat preferable to the Beef, is one sol the Pound, Fish the same; Turtle is very plenty which they have from the Island Diego Rais, which the French have taken possession of, keeping Eight Men to turn Turtle with Boats going from this Place fet[ch . . .] to supply the Island; I mention this that [. . .] ships making the Island [. . .] see Inhabi[. . .] they were Pe[. . .] time by endea[. . .] ke he them[. . .] would [. . .] any case, if [. . .] it entirely [. . .] Our [. . .] it's wrong for the furthest is but 2 Leagues, and the Body of the Island lays in the Lat. 19: 25 South, I got a very good Draught of it, from which I took a Copy. I have further to add if any of our Ships come here, after they pass the Reef off Long Point, to hoist their Colours and fire 2 Guns, & a Pilot will be immediately sent Off. I have received a great deal of civility from the Governour & Council, who will not suffer any body to impose on me, and I must say I find I have had the preference of all the shipping in every respect, the Governor suplys me with Greens Sallet &c^t. out of the Company's Garden gratis, for all the Ship's Comp^y: and as to Stores I pay the same as the Inhabitant pay the Company. All India Goods are reckoned 50th Cent & Europe Goods 100th Cent on Invoice the difference of the Country Money being 25, makes it but 75th Cent. The Spanish Dollar is 72 Solls, which I mention for the better information in regard to the price of provision; As to the supply the Present Governor (who is Second) informs me that I am to give a Bill of Exchange for the Amount on the Company without any Advance of Interest but could not contract with me till Mons^r: Bourdenay comes here, who is the Governour of both Islands and is expected daily: but tells me it would be the same if I had gone to Mascarine, The french Company's orders being very particular in regard to Strangers: It is with pleasure I have heard several of the French Commanders relate their Civil Treatment at St: Helena, and believe the favours I receive is in great measure owing to it. I have nothing further to Add but am

SHIP HALIF[AX. . .]
[. in N.W .] Harbour in th[e]
[Island of M]ritious Aug[ust 3rd 1738 . .]

with respect and Esteem
Your hon^r: &c^{ts}: Most Obedient
& most hum. Serv^t:

JOHN BLAKE.

N^o 83

TO THE HON^{BLE}. RICHARD BENYON Esq^r

PRESIDENT AND GOV^r: &c^t: COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We have receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Secretary Savage of the 22^d. October, Advising that Pag^s. 20000 would be sent us the next Morning, Also your Honour &c^t. favour of the 23^d. accompany^g. that Supply of Cash, which Arriv'd the 27th. of October in the Evening & held out right.

M^r. Caesar's Effects are not yet dispos'd of, but will be sold in a few days by our Pay Master & Secretary, who will pay the produce of them, when it is receiv'd into our Cash, agreeable to Your Directions.

One pair of our General Books shall be sent up to Your Hon^r. & c^t. in three or four days, we should have transmitted them to you before now but Mr. Cæsars Illness which had hung upon him a Considerable time before he died, had Occasion'd the Copying of them to be pretty much behind hand.

We now send our accounts of Expences for the Month of September & Cash Accounts for last Month ballance whereof is Pag^s. 22221. 24. 76.

Hereunder is our List of Cloth on hand

FORT S^t. DAVID

1st. NOVEM^r. 1738.

[We are]
[HO^NBLE SIR &] SIRs,
[Your most obedient humble Servants].
[JAMES HUBBARD & c^r. COUNCIL.]

LIST OF CLOTH.

At the Beaters	...	...	60
At the Washers	...	...	219½
At the Dyers	...	...	24
Total	...	...	304 Bales.

N^o. 84.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & c^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last was the 27th Ultimo, we now take leave to send up our General Books, Cash & Pay Master's Accounts, with our Diary for September; Another copy of our Books shall be sent up in December; Those of Ingeram we suppose will as Usual be sent from thence. We are with due respect,

VIZAGAPATAM

12th. OCTOBER 1738.

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs,
Your most Obedient Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.
RICHARD PRINCE.

N^o. 85.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & c^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HO^N'BLE SIR & SIRs.

The 4th. Instant in the Evening We receiv'd Your favour of the 2^d. directing us to advise you as soon as possible, our sentiments [whether our wa]shers could be able to cure one hundred Bales of Salem Cloth [which Ponapah] Chitty has ready to send from thence, in answer to [which we have to] acquaint Your Honour & c^t. that We have now in the [Washers' han]ds 251 Bales [. . .]nd have ready for sorting brown [cloths] of 20 Bales which the present dirty Weather will not Allow [. . .] ver, and that We have reason to expect in the quantity [. . .] before the end of December and our Warehouse Conicoplys and Washers Assure us that that will be more than they can cure by the End of January and that therefore they can't possibly undertake more, the number of our Washers is at present 160 and considering the time of year, the French Agents we fear will as Usual be soon endeavouring to seduce Some of them from us, and that it will be difficult to keep this number intire by us, instead of expecting to increase them; We therefore are sorry we find ourselves obliged to advise Your Honour & c^t. that we have no manner of hopes that we can be able to procure Washers sufficient to cure our own cloth and the 100 Bales of Ponapa's too.

We now inclose our first pair of General Books ending 30th. April last with our Accountants report of the Expences and Revenues of this place for last Year by which Your Honour &c^t. will observe there is an increase in the former of Pa^a. 243. 9. 21 the reasons of which are set down in the said report, and we beg leave to remark this Increase is chiefly owing to our having two Company's Servants more than we had for several Years before whose Salary Diet Money and Allowances Amount to about the above mentioned sum.

Finding our Collections of the Arrack duty to grow less than formerly We have been endeavouring to see if we could not get it let out at Rent, and having at last prevail'd with Sadashevarow and Vencaty Putty Bound Renters to offer Pag^a. 800⁴/₁₀ Year for that Farm for two Years only, tho this is Considerably short of what it le[. . .] it will much exceed what the collections [. . .] the utmost [we] can get any body to bid for [. . .] it therefore [. . .] for the Company's Interest to Accept [. . .] which we desire Your Honour &c^{ts}. directions.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
6TH NOVEM^R. 1738.

HON^{BLE}. SIR. & SIRS.
Your most Obedient humble Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDWARD CROKE.
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.

FORT ST. DAVID, OCTOBER 1738.

The Expences of this Settlement for the last year and the former will appear by the following Sketch.

	Ending April 1737. P ^a . s ^d . C ^a .	Ending April 1738. P ^a . s ^d . C ^a .	Increase. P ^a . s ^d . C ^a .	Decrease. P ^a . s ^d . C ^a .	P ^a . s ^d . C ^a .
Charges Garrison ...	13366 1 46	13594 15 16	228 13 50	...	...
Charges Hospital ...	410 19 30	442 25 4	32 5 54	...	...
Fortifications & Repairs ...	1087 29 26	767 28 68	...	320 — 38	...
Charges Cattle ...	600 — —	600 — —	...	...	...
Charges Extraordinary ...	204 14 70	385 28 76	181 14 6	...	...
Charges Diet ...	2566 7 —	2756 — —	189 29 —	...	...
Account Salary ...	613 8 34	689 34 70	76 26 36	...	...
Peons & Servants Wages ...	2698 28 —	2713 24 —	14 32 —	...	...
Account Presents ...	271 16 40	99 22 40	...	171 30 —	...
Charges Gen[eral] ...	2428 8 37	2439 35 30	11 26 73	...	...
	24246 25 43	24489 34 64	735 3 59	491 30 38	...
	Deduct Decrease.		491 30 38	...	...
			Expences Increas'd. 243 9 21		

The Exceedings on the Above Account consists of the following Articles viz^t

Charges Garrison ...	228 13 50	...
Charges Hospital ...	32 5 54	...
Charges Extraordinary ...	182 14 6	...
Charges Diet ...	189 29 —	...
Peons & Servants Wages ...	14 32 —	...
Charges General ...	11 26 73	...
Account Salary ...	76 26 36	...
	735 3 59	

The Exceedings on the foregoing Accounts are as follows.

CHARGES GARRISON Pag. 228. 13. 50 by a larger number of Europeans in the Service than the Year before and Monthly more or less as they dye, desert and are return'd.

CHARGES HOSPITAL Pag^s. 32. 5. 54 are in the Doctors Bill for Medecines bought more than usual on Account as he reports of a short supply of Europe Medicines and that several of them were taken out of the Chests for this place before they were sent from Fort S. George.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY Pag^s. 181. 14. 6 Are in Mr. Caesar's Travelling Charges from Madrass hither Batty & Cooley hire paid M^r. Munro for his Journey to Arcott Batty and presents made to Bajarut Havildar of Vilandoor and Gratuity to 19 of the Military to relist.

CHARGES DIET Pag^s. 189. 29. — Allowances to Mess^{rs}. Michell & Caesar (all but 2 Months to the former) more than the Year before.

PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES Pag^s. 14. 32. — from one Person M^r. Floyer being in Council (all but two Months) more than the year before and some other small Allowances for some Months to Mess^{rs}. Michell and Caesar.

CHARGES GENERAL Pag^s. 11. 26. 73 Arises from Sundry [. . .] Disbursements as such occasions always more or less [. . .] are so various (and but a small amount) they cannot [. . .] Particularized.

ACCOUNT SALARY Pag. 76. 26. 36 Occasion'd by having [two] Writers Mess^{rs}. Michell and Caesar more than the Year [before] and also an increase of Salary to M^r. Allen from [. . .] Merchant.

The Revenues of this place are as follows

	Pag ^s . fan ^s . Cash	Pag ^s . fan ^s . Cash
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Do. from Primo May 1737 to Ultimo April 1738	2150 34 26	
		Increase 6 30 26
Collected by the Land Customer of Cuddalore from Primo May 1736 to Ultimo April 1737	1212 23 18	
Do. from Primo May 1737 to Ultimo April 1738	1247 18 70	
		Increase 34 31 52
Collected by the Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam from Primo May 1736 to Ultimo April 1737	1820 11 6	
Do. from Primo May 1737 to Ultimo April 1738	1833 24 78	
		Increase 13 13 72

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N^o. 86

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

The Nellipillee Brigantine not being as yet Arrive'd from Madrass makes me beleive she has lost her Passage and that she is drove down somewhere to the southward of [your] Port, wherefore Your Hon^r. & C^t. will please to order some [ship or other] to call in here for the Bales next Month, which at [the most will] not exceed Three hundred, having now but One [hundred] and seventy Bales at Nellipillee Godows.

After the Goods of this place are sent [to you] I must beg the Liberty to go up to Madrass, sometime [. . .] about which time the Jane that now lies here to be repair'd will be in a condition to sail and to take in the Company's Bales if Your Honour & C^t. Approves thereof.

I am Respectfully

HON^{BLE} SIR, & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servant,

INGERAM

2^d: NOV^r: 1738

JOHN GRAHAM.

N^o. 87

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT, & GOV^r : & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We have been favour'd with Your severals of the 15th, 17th, & 20th June with the Packets from our Coast Settlements and thank Your Hon^r: & C^t. for their quick Dispatch and the Advices you have been pleased to communicate to Us relating to our Hon^{ble} Masters Ships

The Resolution Arriv'd with Us 20th: May & the Nassau Cap^t: William Hutchinson and Onslow Captain John Balchen the 5th: Instant, the latter being taken up on receipt of our Advices, that the Morattas had taken Calsett from the Portugueze; The Captains of these ships inform us that the Anglesea left Johanna in her Way hither the 30th: June and not having yet heard of her, We are under great fears of her safety.

We observe Your Honour & C^ts. proceedings in regard to ship Lyell, We should have been glad to have receiv'd the Saltpetre and Rawsilk, the former being greatly wanted for making Powder, and the latter being a particular sort, desired for the Use of our Weavers. We have thank God the [. . .] Crop of Grain, having had a very seasonable [Rain].

Our Hon^{ble} Mas^ters Advise us [that] they have taken up the Marlborough [for Benjar] on an [Idea] to Trade thither for Pepper, but if [she . . .] with [. . .] she is to come upon this coast [. . .] also directed the President and Council of Bengall, I (*sic*) case of a deficiency of Tonnage to send a Ship to this Coast with some Bales to be filled with pepper but we have already advised them the want we shall be in of that Article to Load the Ships that Arriv'd here too late to get their Passage to Bengall and have requested them to Dispatch the Duke of Cumberland home from thence, We hope they will be able to Load home all the Ships on hand and that the Marlboro will succeed at Benjar otherwise we shall be greatly put to it to comply with Our Honble Masters expectations from Us.

We are building a Ship as requested by Your Honour & C^t and she will be ready to send you in April with a full Loading of Cotton, the forgoing will convince Your Hon^r. : & C^t. of the Impossibility of sparing any Pepper.

We receiv'd by the Onslow a packet for Your Hon^r. &c^t. from our Hoñble Masters which coming too late for a sea conveyance We sent it to Anjengo on the King William (who Arriv'd from Mocho the 22^d. : August and now sails for England) to be forwarded thence Over land, which Way it will reach you sooner, and the Conveyance much safer than by Pattamars directly from hence. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
10th. SEPT^r. 1738.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Servants,

JOHN HORNE.
GEORGE TAYLOR.
GEORGE PERCIVAL.
CHARLES WHITESTILL.

N^o. 88

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^t. COUNCIL OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Yesterday Imported the King William with a full Loading of Coffee from Mocha but last from Bombay, by which ship We receiv'd the Three accompanying Packets, and a seal'd parcel of Letters which We were order'd by our superiours at Bombay to Dispatch immediately to Your Honour &c^t. ; the two Packets for the President &c^t. at Bengall please to forward thither by the most Speedy Conveyance.

On the 5th. of September our Hoñble Masters ships Onslow and Nassau safely Arriv'd at Bombay and left England about the 9th. of April, but we are extreemly sorry to inform your Honour &c^t. that Advices from Tellicherry give us a Melancholly Acco^t. of the Anglesey's being Lost on the 31st. of July a little to the Northw^d. of Goa upon some Rocks near in shoar in the Mallawan's Country several People were drowned but those that got ashore had their Liberty, and We conjecture went to Goa. The Wreck and Cargo was seized by the Government. We are not informed what occasioned that Ship to fall in with the Land so low down the Coast, nor have any further particulars or Circumstances of this sad Accident.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servants

ANJENGO
21st OCTOBER 1738.

[WILL^m [JENNINGS].
J^N^o. [GRAHAM].
[. . .].

N^o. 89

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^t. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have receiv'd Your favour of the 14th. of Novem^r. & agreeable to your directions shall let out the arrack Farm to Sadashevarow & Vencatty Putty Reddy, the begining of next month.

Concerning the materials belonging to the Windmill we brought to Account in January last Pag^s. 2 18. — for what had been made use of till that time, a further part of them has been since Workt up about the Company's Buildings where they would serve, the Amount of which we shall bring to Account in the running books, before the Close of which we shall put up all that is left, and then Write off the ballance of that head to Profit & Loss, according to Your Hon^r. &c^{ts}. orders.

Our late Contract merchants have at last given Us in particular Accounts of the losses they Alledge they sustain'd by their Contracts of late Years which they declare to be true those Accounts and their Petitions Concerning them, at their desire we now inclose to Your Honour &c^t. for Your directions thereupon, we can say nothing as to these Accounts being just ones or not, not thinking it proper to examine into them till we know Your pleasure therein.

Hereunder is a List of our Cloth on hand, which has been exceedingly kept back in the Curing by the great rains we have had this season, We are with much respect

FORT ST. DAVID
23^d. NOVEM^r. 1738.

HOÑELE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

LIST OF CLOTH.

At the Beaters [. . .]
[At the] Washers 3 [. . .]
[At the] Dyers. [. . .] Bales.

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDWARD CROKE.
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

1734

To Long Cloth Salem ho ^t .	Cor. ... 462 @ 41½ Ψ	19288 18 —	By Long Cloth Salem Emb ^d . for the Com ^r .	Cor. 325 is ... 487½	21159 13 40
To D ^c . Chimank-pollam	71 @ 42½ Ψ Corge P ^s . 299½ 27 —	...	D ^c . Turn'd out Cloth sold 13½ @ 38 18 —	P ^s . f ^s . ea. ...	452 9 —
Deduct diff: in sortment	— 27 —	2972 27 —	D ^c . 13.12 @ 39 18 —	18.8 @ 32	582 35 62
Corge ...	533 ...	22261 9 —	D ^c . Torn Cloth	...	588 28 64
To Long Cloth	P ^s . 84.10 @ 36½ Ψ	3081 9 —	By Long Cloth Ordry Emb ^d . for the Com ^r .	Cor. 533 ...	22733 15 6
Corge ...	...	23 18 —	D ^c . Turn'd out Cloth	Cor. 36 ...	1366 18 —
Deduct diff: in sortment	...	5525 9 —	Brown ...	25 @ 34.18 Ψ Cor.	862 18 —
To Salempores	318 @ 17½ Ψ Corge.	3080 27 —	D ^c	10 @ 35 Ψ D ^c .	350 —
Deduct diff: in sortment	...	41 —	D ^c	9 @ 33 Ψ D ^c .	297 —
Corge ...	...	597 28 46	D ^c . Torn Cloth	P ^s . 4.10 @ 28 Ψ D ^c .	126 —
CHARGES Viz ^t . Land Custom & dustom on 2½ Ψ Cent.	...	5484 9 —	By Salempores Emb ^d . for the Com ^r .	84.10 ...	3002 —
Rice used in Congeing 509 Long Cloth	Cor. ...	30806 9 —	54 is ...	216 ...	4044 —
& Salemp ^s . 314 17	2386 Cost	281 9 —	D ^c . Turn'd out Cloth sold 4 @ 17½ Ψ Corge	4 @ 17½ Ψ Corge	70 —
Washers paid	...	716 —	D ^c	84 @ 15½ Ψ D ^c .	1302 —
Beaters paid	...	110 18 —	D ^c	10.17 @ 21 Ψ D ^c .	176 32 68
Serv ^{rs} . Wages at Salemp ^s.	...	597 28 46	D ^c . Torn Cloth	3.3 @ 2½ Ψ D ^c .	30 1 46
for 11 months @ 4 Ψ month	P ^s . 44 —	1705 19 46	Corge 318	...	5622 34 34
[D ^c] at Chimank-pollam	22 —	30806 9 —	Washing & Beating Cooly & Rice for Congee Allow'd by the Honble Company	...	31858 13 40
for 11 months	...	...	used on 487½ Salemp Cloth @ 1 [8] 40 ...	602 21 60	...
Carried over	66 —	...	D ^c . on 36 Cor. of Long Cloth Ordry @ 1.4...	40 —	...
			D ^c . on 216 Cor of Salempores @ f ^s . 18 ...	108 —	750 21 60
			Carried over	...	32108 35 20

TOMBE CHITTY & TAGAPA CHITTY & Co ^T COMPANY'S MERCHANTS—cont.									
1734									
Brought over ...	66	—	—	1705	19	46	30806	9	—
[D ^r] in the Godown, Washing place and Beating Godown ...	121	—	—						
[Peons] Batia & Wages ...	25	—	—						
[n] Resortment at Madraas ...	...	...	...	212	—	—			
	...	...	...	154	27	—	2072	10	46
				Pagodas ...	32878	19	46		
TOMBE CHITTY. TEAGAPA CHITTY. MOOTA CHITTY.									
TOMBE CHITTY & TAGAPA CHITTY & Co ^T COMPANY'S MERCHANTS.									
1735									
To Long Cloth Middling 162	Cor.	40	15	24	Ψ	Corge	6548	30	48
Land Custom & Dustom on		149	33	2					
Pag ^a . 6663 @ 2½ Ψ %		...	1944	—	—				
Dying Cooly ...		...					2093	33	2
							8642	27	50
There is no Loss or Gain on the White Cloth provided and Embaled for the Company but only Lost in Congee, Rice, & Washing Cooly, &c ^t . as follows Viz ^t .									
Rice used in Congeing 383	Corge	of							
Long Cloth and 44	Corge	of							
poras 1856½ Mer: Cost			200	24	60				
Washers paid			383	5	68				
Beaters paid			99	24	24				
			693	18	72				
			Pag ^a .	9336	10	42			
TOMBE CHITTY. TAGAPA CHITTY. MOOTA CHITTY.									

TOMBY CHITTY & TAGARA CHITTY & CO. COMPANY'S MERCHANTS.

C^a.

1736

To Long Cloth	Cor. 136	Salem bought at 42½ p Corge.	5746	By Long Cloth Salem Embal'd for the Honble Company	196½	8625	13	40
To D ^a . China- manatepoll.	92	P ^a . 4002	—	D ^a . Turn'd out Cloth sold	8 @ 38½ p Corge.	276	—	—
at 43½ p Corge.	—	—	—	D ^a	14½ @ several prices	473	18	—
Deduct diff: in sort- ment	39	—	—	D ^a . Torn Cloth	9 @ 31 Corge	279	—	—
Corge	228	—	9709	Cor. ...	228	9653	31	40
To Long Cloth	Ordry.	26½	980	By Long Cloth Ord- inary Embal'd for the Company 13 is	19½	747	—	—
at 37 p Corge.	—	—	—	D ^a . Turn'd out Cloth sold	4 @ 32½ p Corge.	131	—	—
Deduct diff: in sort- ment	—	—	11	D ^a . Torn Cloth	3 @ 28 p Corge.	84	—	—
To Salempores	35½	—	656	Cor. ...	26½	962	—	—
@ 18½ p Corge.	—	—	—	By Salempores Embal- ed for the Company	28	514	—	—
Deduct diff: in sort- ment	—	—	9	Bales.	7	71	—	—
.....	—	—	647	D ^a . Turn'd out Cloth sold	4½ @ 15½ p Corge.	33	—	—
.....	—	—	1339	D ^a . Torn Cloth	3 @ 11 p Corge.	—	—	—
To Long Cloth	—	—	12665	Corge	35½	618	—	—
Middling Blue.	—	—	253	By Long Cloth Blue Embal'd for the Company 22	33	1371	—	—
MARGES VIZ.	—	—	139	.....	—	—	—	—
Land Custom and Dustom on Pag ^a .	—	—	250	.....	—	—	—	—
11257 13 40 @ 2¼ p %	—	—	642	.....	—	—	—	—
Rice used in Congaing 242½ Corge Long Cloth & 32½ Corge of Salempores Mer.	—	—	115½	Cost	—	—	—	—
Washers paid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carried over	—	—	12665	21	—	—	—	—
Carried over	—	—	1260	31	40	—	—	—

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD Esq^r.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^t. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF SADASHAVAROW TONDAROW IRSHAPA CHITTY
AND SHACUP TOMBY.

SHEWETH

That in the Year 1736 Your Petitioners undertook to Contract with the Honourable Company, they then Affirm'd to Your Worship & C^t. that two Years past the Merchants have been sufferers by the Company's Investment, and thought Your Petitioners took all the care and Industry imaginable, yet they have sustain'd a considerable Loss by the Company's Investment, an Account of which is presented for Your Worship & C^ts. perusal, Your Petitioners were obliged to borrow Money from several persons for to discharge the Company's Ballance, the Interest whereof Amounts to Pag^s. 162, Your Petitioners also have been sufferers by bad Debts remaining upon the Brokers in the Country; All which Your Petitioners referr to Your Worship & C^ts. consideration and hope that some means may be taken by which they may recover their Loss and save from ruin their Families, and Your Petitioners shall always as in Duty bound ever pray & C^t.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD Esq^r.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^t. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.
WORSHIP^{ll}. SIR & SIRs

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF SADASHAVAROW, VENGAPA CHITTY WOLLAPA
CHITTY, NARRAIN CHITTY & RAM CHITTY THE OLD
COMPANY'S MERCHANTS.

SHEWETH

That in the year 1734, 5 & 6 Your Petitioners undertook to Contract with the Company and thō they Labour'd under great difficulties for the Company's Interest and their own advantage, yet they have sustain'd a considerable Loss by the Company's Investment, an account of which is herewith Annex'd for Your Worship & C^ts. Perusal: The Loss sustain'd by the Company's Investment, Your Petitioners paid a part of it of their own Money and was Oblig'd to borrow from other persons Pag^s. 1550 at Interest for to discharge their Ballance, and the Interest thereof amounts to Pag^s. 248, so that the whole is Pag^s. 1798 & their Creditors Presses them for the Money.

Your Petitioners were in hopes of being more Augmented by their Contracts, but instead of that it has put them into a great charge which has impoverish'd them; There are several Sums of Money remaining ballance upon the Brokers in the Country which Your Petitioners have been also sufferers thereby.

The Loss which the Merchants at Pondicherry & their Places sustains, they recover it again from the Company, which Your Worship & C^t. is sensible of it. There were several Merchants formerly in the place but by paying penalties to the Company have reduced them to a very low Circumstance, so that there are but very few of them now in the place.

It is most Evident that Your Petitioners have been grievous sufferers by the Company's Investment All which is referred to Your Worship & C^ts. Consideration & hope that Your Worship & C^t. will procure some means by which they may regain th[eir losses & that] they may [. . .] not be entirely ruined [And] Your Petitioners [shall] always as in Duty bound ever pray.

SADASHAVAROW TONDAROW WOLLAPAH CHITTY & C ^r : COMPANY'S MERCHANTS				C ^r .			
D ^a .							
1784							
To Long Cloth Salem				By Long Cloth Salem Embal'd for the Company	Cor. 679½	29469	13 40
bo ^t : 180 at 41½ p				By Do: Turn'd out	5 @ 33 p Cor.	165	--
Cor.				Cloth sold	6 @ 36	210	--
To Ditto 195 at 41½ p				By Do:	Pa. 87 @ 39	325	23 32
Cor.				By Do:	27.16 @ 38, [7-16]	1061	20 48
Cor.				By Do: Torn ...	51.17 @ 31.18	1333	9 72
To Chin. namank:				Cor. 778.10			
Pollam 403.10 @ 42½							
Deduct p Cor.							
Difference 17047 31 40							
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124 -- --							
Corge ... 778.10							
To Long Cloth				By Long Cloth Ordinary Embal'd for the Company	Cor. 54 is 81	32482	22 40
Ordinary. 192 at 36 p				By Do: Turn'd out	Pa. 54 is 81		
Cor.				Cloth sold	34.10 @ 33 p Cor.	1138	18 --
Deduct diff:				By Do:	3. 5 @ 35-18	100	3 30
in sort:				By Do:	36. 3 @ 35-18	1283	11 56
ment				By Do:	8.14 @ 35	304	18 --
[To] Salem. pores ... 802 at 17½ p				By Do:	2.13 @ 34	900	3 48
Cor.				By D:	16.15 @ 33.146	593	17 26
Deduct diff:				By D: Torn ...	90 @ 27	243	--
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To CHARGES viz:				By Sallem pores Embal'd for the Company	Cor. 145 is	10814	--
Land Custom & Dustore on				By Sallem pores Embal'd for the Company	Cor. 580		
Ps. 43343.13.40 at 2½ p %							
Rice Us'd in Congeeing on 909.13 Long Cloth & 791½ of Sallem pores qt. 4128							
Merchals Cost							
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SADASHAVAROW, VENGAPA CHITTY, NARRAIN CHITTY & RAMAH CHITTY COMPANY'S MERCHANTS.

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To CHARGES VIZ.

Land Custom & Dustore on Pag^s. 144. 10. 9
@ 2½ p^s Cent ...

Rice used in Congeing 297. 13 Long
Cloth and 68 Corge of Salempores q^t:

1512 M^t: Cost ...

Dying Cooly paid for 33 Corge @ Pag^s:

13 p^s Corge ...

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TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^r.
DEPUTY GOV^r. &c. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF TOMBE CHITTY & TEAGAPAH CHITTY
COMPANY'S MERCHANTS

SHEWETH

That in the Year 1734, 5 & 6 Your Petitioner's undertook to Contract with the Honourable Company they then were in hopes of having some Benefit thereby, and though they Used their utmost Industry & Diligence in the performance of it, yet they have sustain'd a Considerable Loss by the Company's Investment, as will appear by their Accounts which is herewith presented for Your Worship &c^{ts}. perusal. Your Petitioners have been sufferers of Pagodas 400 ballance remaining upon the Weavers at Mangée Copang for Salempores made in the Bounds, and Pagodas 160 by the Polligar for Cloth Stolen at the Washers: and Your Petitioners have also been great sufferers by Bad Debts remaining upon the Brokers in the Country: Your Petitioners were obliged to borrow Pagodas 2000 at Interest for to discharge their Ballance with the Company, and the Interest thereof amounts to Pagodas 400, & their Creditors Importunes them for the Payment of the Money, All which is referred to Your Worship &c^{ts}. Consideration, and hope that some measures may be taken by which they may regain their Loss and Your Petitioners shall always as in duty bound Ever pray.

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6Do. @ 2 ½ Do. ...								
[Do.] in the Godown Wash-								
ing Place & [Beat]ing	123	18	—					
Godown								
[Peons Betta] & Wages ...	24	18	—					
[Lost in] resortment at Madrass ...	192	—	—					
	12	13	40					
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		Pagods :	22430 19 44					

SADASHAVAROW.
TONDAROV.
ERESHAPAH CHITTY.
SHACUP TOMBY.

N^o. 90

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

This serves to inclose our Accounts of Expences for the Month of October and Cash Account for last month ballance whereof is Pagodas 9770. 21. 46.

We receiv'd two days ago a Letter from M^r. Secretary Savage advising that 20000 Pagodas would be sent us the next day by thirty Peons, We accordingly sent Peons yesterday from hence to meet them, and expect them in to night.

Hereunder is a List of our Cloth on hand.

FORT S^t. DAVID,
1st. DECEMBER 1738.

LIST OF CLOTH.

At the Beaters	...	14
Embaled	...	46
At the Washers	...	392
At the Dyers	...	29
		481
		Bales

We are
HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDWARD CROKE.
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.

N^o. 91

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Our Honourable Masters Ship George Arrived here the 2^d. Instant, bringing Your Honour & C^{ts}. favour of the 6th. Ultimo, the 4th. We got her into this River where what is necessary to be done to her shall be compleated, that she may be ready to go over the Bar the begining of December; in the mean time we have let M^r. John Graham know your Hon^r. & C^{ts}. orders, are to send the George to him by the 10th. of December to carry up his Bales if the Nellipille Brig should not fetch Ingeram by that time, or if he had not another Vessel to send them on.

At M^r. Joseph Goddards request in a Letter of the 23^d. Ultimo We have sent him Five thousand Pagodas at the same time let him know if M^r. Graham was supplied with a Vessel to carry up his Bales that M^r. Goddard was to expect the George to call upon him about the 10th. of December to take in his, but that We should inform him more thereof as soon as possible. We are with the greatest respect

VIZAGAPATAM
.5TH NOVEMBER 1738.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants

P. S.

JOHN SANDE[RSON].
RICHARD [PRINCE].

Agreable to Your Honour & C^{ts}. orders
We now inclose the Origenal Res-
pondentia Bond belonging to M^r.
Legh Denny's Estate, lent Captain
Clarke to Pegue.

N^o. 92

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^a.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

I had the pleasure of writing Your Honour & c^t. the 2^d. Instant; this Moment I receiv'd a Letter from Mess^{rs}. Sanderson and Prince Copy of which comes inclosed, as also my letter to them, concerning sending the Goods of this Place to you upon the George, lately Arrived at Vizagapatam the 2^d. Instant.

I am sorry they cannot have the good fortune to be sent you this Year, since I am disappoint'd of the Ship George which to be Assured would save our Hon^{ble} Masters the Freight at least of 250 or 300 Bales which by my last to Your Honour & c^t. I proposed to send on the Jane, but now find by a report of an able man who was sent here to examine her that she will not be a capable Ship for such a Trust.

I wish Mess^{rs}. Sanderson & Prince had omitted some remarks made in their Letter just now receiv'd, as it does no way relate to the Company, It is true what I mention'd to them was by way of postscript Addressed to M^r. Sanderson for the Loss of my Sloop in getting the Jenny Brig: into our River, the particulars of which the Hon^{ble} President will be pleased to communicate to the Board: I have nothing more to Add at present but to beg leave to subscribe myself respectfully.

[INGE]RAM
[18TH. Nov^r. 1738].

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

JOHN GRAHAM.

[To] JOHN SANDERSON ESQ^a.

CHIEF & c^t. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIRs

I wrote the Hon^{ble} Governour & Council of Fort St. George, the 2^d. Instant, to have their orders concerning a Vessel to call in here, in the Month of December to take in the Hon^{ble} Company's Bales, being then Apprehensive the Nelleepillee Brig: had lost her passage to this place, but as the George is happily Arriv'd with you, it saves the Freight of 250 Bales to our Hon^{ble} Masters, and I desire she may be here the 15th. December to take them in, agreeable to their orders.

The Cash, Merchants Accounts and Journal Parcels for last month, I herewith send you, being

INGERAM.

THE 9TH. NOVEMBER 1738.

SIRs

Your most humble Servant

JOHN GRAHAM.

P.S.

The George must be obliged to come into the River having no Boats that can go over the Bar to transport the Bales on Board (the Ramah, if I had her) would now be of very great service, but she was unhappily lost in M^r. Sanderson's service.

Idem

Veracopia.

JOHN GRAHAM.

JOHN ANDREWS.

JOSEPH ARBU[CKLE].

To M^r. JOHN GRAHAM
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

Your Letter of the 9th. Instant Arriv'd us the 14th. Accompanying your months Cash & Merchants Accounts for October.

You inform us of your having wrote the Honourable President and Council of Fort St. George for their orders concerning a Vessel to call at Your place, for the Bales in Decem^r. our Letter to you of the 3^d. Instant has inform'd you the orders we have receiv'd from them on that Subject, but you acquaint us the Ship must come into your River for want of the Sloop you lost in M^r. Sanderson's service last year; We have called upon Captain Stringfellow who says it will not be safe for the Ship to go over your Barr with less than two or three Tow Boats, and the experience we have had of the little ability of your People, not only of near losing the Miss Jenny last year, that drew no more than Eight foot Water, but likewise the losing your own Sloop that could not draw above four foot Water loaded, and the George draws no less than Eight and a half in her Ballast, and Eleven and a half when loaded, we therefore cannot deem it safe, for her to Attempt going into the River, nor are we able to supply you with Boats from hence; We therefore beleive as the Ship Jane is with you, and if she can be ready to Sail in December, & you can freight your Bales on her, or any other good Vessel, it will be more for the Company's Interest, than risking the George, nor can we give the Captain of her orders to proceed further than off of your Barr.

VIZAGAPATAM.

[. . .] NOVEMBER 1738.

Vera Copia.

[. . .]

We are

SIR

Your humble Servants,

JOHN SANDERSON.

RICHARD PRINCE.

N^o. 93

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs

This serves to forward a packet from Bengall at the request of M^r. Michael Coatsworth Resident at Ballasore.

The Ship George has had such a Repair bestow'd on her, as Captain Stringfellow has thought she requir'd & will be ready to go over the Barr upon the next Springs, but by our Letters from M^r. Graham we can't find she will be able to take in the Company's Bales except she goes over the Bar to take them in, and by what is reported is impracticable, she drawing 8½ foot in her Ballast, and 11½ Loaded, and there is no more than Ten foot Water on the Barr.

We are with the greatest respect

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Servants

VIZAGAPATAM.

23 NOVEM^r. 1738.

JOHN SANDERSON.

RICHARD PRINCE.

N^o. 94

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs

I have receiv'd Your Honour & C^t. Letter of the 28th. Ultimo with the Account Current inclosed.

If the George calls at this Place [before] 15th. of next Month, I cannot pretend to say how [many bales] I shall have ready for her, not having been [able to keep ready] any Cloth lately for want of Rope [. . .] and a half at Metchlepatam and [. . .] sent me on the first Dutch [. . .] I can venture to promise Your Honour &c^t. 200 Bales by the time limitted me last Year, viz^t: 10th: January most of it beat as the Washers will, and must be fully employ'd till January, to lessen their Ballance or they will always be behind, I have a good Vessel to send them up under the Charge of an able European.

Inclosed are my Journal Parcels and Cash Accounts, for April, May, June, July, August & Septem^r. and October, & shall send the copys of the Books for last year with my Account for this month.

MADDEPOLLAM

24th. NOVEM^r. 1738.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	...	30
In the Godown Beat	...	...	32
In the Washers Hands	...	...	75

137 Bales

I am with the greatest respect
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most obedient hum. Servant
JOSEPH GODDARD.

N^o. 95

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^t: & GOV^r. &C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs

We have receiv'd your Commands of the 4th: October, and pursuant thereto shall take on shore in order to transmit to Bombay the Ten Sailors sent on the Fanny and Caeres, and are with much respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,
Your most Obed^t. hum^t. Servants.

TELLICHERRY.

23rd. NOV^r. 1738.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.
JAMES VERELST.
WILLIAM WEST.

N^o. 96

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BEYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. &C^t. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs

We receiv'd the Honour of Your Letter of the 8th. of June advising us that you had given orders to Mess^{rs}: Nevill & Beard to inform us what Quantity of Tea they could take on Board the Godolphin; those Gentlemen have acquainted us that they had room for about fifteen hundred Peculs, and we being directed by our Hoñble Employers to provide one Moiety, We have agreeable thereunto laden on board the said Ship Godolphin Three hundred and forty Chests of Bohea Tea amounting to

Seven hundred Eighty three Peculs and Eighteen Cattys Nett Weight, which we have consigned to you, by Invoice and Bill of Lading Mess^{rs}: Nevill and Beard have chose to receive the Freight thereof from you.

CANTON.

21ST: OCTOB^R. 1738.

We are with all imaginable respect

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most humble servants

HENRY PLANT.
THOMAS LIELL.
RICHARD MARTYN.
JOHN HODGSON.
F. PEARKS.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

- N^o. 1. Letter from Mess^{rs}: Plant, Liell, Martyn, Hodgson & Pearks to the Honourable President & Council of Fort S^t: George.
2. Invoice of 340 Chests of Bohea Tea.
3. Bills of Lading for 340 Chests of Bohea Tea signed by Captain [...]
4. Account of the Weight of the 340 Chests of Bohea Tea [...] Use of the Warehousekeeper.

N^o. 97

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. &C^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We have receiv'd Your Honour &c^{ts}. favour of the 8th. June the 14th. August by the Godolphin.

Mess^{rs}: Nevill & Beard acquainting us the ship would be able to take in 700 Chests of Bohea Tea, We have Loaden our Moiety on board her agreeable to our Hon^{ble} Masters Instructions, for which Invoice and Bill of Lading is inclosed.

We were order'd by our Hon^{ble} Masters to pay the Supracargoes one Tale and a half ~~pp~~ Pecul Freight for the said Tea to Fort S^t: George in case they should demand it, but they choosing rather that it should be paid there, We have accordingly Credited Your Presidency T^r: 1205. 5. 5 and Debted the Voyage for it.

We should have been very ready to have given the Supracargoes any Assistance in our power had they wanted it, being with much respect,

CANTON.

20TH. OCTOBER 1738.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs,

Your most humble servants

EDWARD PAGE.
WILLIAM COLEBROOKE.
THOMAS SHORE.
MARK HAGGARD.

N^o. 98

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.

[PRESID^T.] & GOV^R. &C^r. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We receiv'd yesterday your favour of [the 18th.] Instant and shall agreeable to Your directions not send up [...] Bales to Madrass till we receive further orders from [Your Hon^r.] &c. [about] the Dimities, which when ready we shall send up by the first good conveyance, we hope that will be early next Month, the full Quantity Indented for being cured or in the Washers hands, however the Merchants continue,

making more that there may be no failure in the quantity tho^o we should turn out some in sorting, our agreement with our present Merchants, with regard to this Commodity, was, that they should endeavour to make it as near as they could to the Price Your Honour &c^t: had directed, & when it was cured and brought to sorting, we might refuse what we did not approve of, & for what we take in they are to deliver in an exact Account of what it stands them in & to have a reasonable Allowance for their trouble and risque, in trusting the Weavers; these being our Terms with them on this head, we did not think it very material to fix Strictly to a Muster which they were to be obliged in all they brought in to keep up to, but however we delivered them two pieces brown which they had first brought in to serve for some direction to them, which are now in the Weavers hands, & can't well be taken from them without hindering what they are now at work on, however these shall if Your Honour &c^t. think necessary, be sent up with the 200 p^s. of Dimitys indented for when ready; M^r: Hen^{ry}: Powney desires Your Honour &c^t. permission to go up to Madrass for a few days.

The 20000 Pagodas sent us the latter end of last Month Arrived the 3^d: Instant and turned out right. Hereunder is our List of Cloth on hand the usual rains we have had both last week & this have been an exceeding hindrance to our curing it. We are with much respect

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST: DECEM^B: 1738.

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs
Yours most obedient
[humble Servants]

JAMES H[UBBARD].
EDWA[RD] CROKE].
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.

LIST OF CLOTH.

Embaled	...	...	112
At the Beaters	...	...	82
At the Washers	...	...	411
At the Dyers	...	...	32
			637 Bales.

N^o. 99.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r:
PRESID^T: & GOV^R: & C^T: COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs

I wrote Your Honour &c^t: the 24th: Ultimo, and now send Copy of the Maddepollam Books for the Year 1737, as also my Journal Parcels and Cash Accounts for last Month.

I am with the greatest Respect

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble servant,
JOSEPH GODDARD.

MADDEPOLLAM
9TH. DECEM^B. 1738.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	...	30
Ready to sort and Embale.	...	...	60
In the Washers hands	...	...	75
			165 Bales.

N . 100.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON Esq^r:

PRESID^t: & GOV^r: & C^t: COUNCIL OF FORT S^t: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last under date the 12th: August past ~~¶~~ Ship Galatea, We have been favoured with several of yours dated the 15th: , 18th: , 19th: & 31st: August and one of the 11th: September past, to all which we shall now reply.

The Nineteen Chests of Rupees ~~¶~~ Ship Duke of Cumberland, We receiv'd containing One hundred fifty two thousand Madrass Rupees.

The Ships Scarborough & Wager brought us the remainder of the Bullion and Rupees also the Lead and Copper; We shall Credit you for the former as you desire and what difference there may be in the Weight of Copper, We shall take care to advise our Honourable Masters of.

We have sent Mess^{rs}: Lennox and Amyand's Balés to the West Coast on the Scarborough, & advised the Gentlemen there to receive the Freight for the Company.

We have receiv'd your copy of Cap^t: [Bl]ake's Letter with two more from him and Communicated [the contents] to the Europe Commanders with us.

The Chest of Treasure belonging to M^r: John Prince left in the Ship Wager, hath been delivered to his Order here by the Captain.

We have not before had a convenient opportunity for acquainting Your Honour & C^t: that the Two Sloop Built by M^r: Jonathan Smart for Our Honourable Masters, and sent us from Pegue, We cannot help thinking are Extravagantly dear in comparison with that sent us from Bombay by the Gentlemen there, The first Cost of One being Tecalls Eight thousand Nine hundred Seventy one 8971 & the other seven thousand Nine hundred seventy six 7976, besides Tecall Six thousand four hundred twenty five 6425, for stores for them both, although the first is only Seventy five & the other Sixty five Tons, both of them very indifferently furnished with Stores; We therefore Request Your Honour & C^t: will be pleased to make some Enquiry how they came out so dear when you shall write to that Gentleman.

On this Ship Princess Mary [We have] Laden Sundry Goods & Merchandize on Account our [Honble] Masters Amounting to Current Rupees Sixteen Th[ousand] and thirteen & fourteen Annaes in which is incl[uded] the cost of] Fifty Tons of surplus Peter Your Honour & C^t: [required].

The above Goods [laden on board] this Ships Tonnage We could not comply [without Honble] Masters Orders of Sending you any R[...].

M^r: Tho[mas Joshua Moore who] Dispatches this ship to you, will [...] draft of Water, and other necessa[ries] [...]

FORT WILLIAM.

10th: DEC^r: 1738.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT S^t: GEORGE ~~¶~~ PRINCESS MARY.

- N^o: 1 Gen^l: Letter to the Honble the President & Council there dated 10th: December 1738.
- 2 Invoice of Sundry Goods & Merchandize Laden on the Princess Mary for Fort S^t: George, amounting to Curr^t: Rupees 16013.14.
- 3 First Bill of Lading for Ditto.
- 4 Abstract of the Ship Princess Mary's Invoice, for Europe amounting to Current Rupees 618976.
- 5 Copy of Captain Martin's Sailing orders.
- 6 Copy of Ship Princess Mary's Account Tonnage from the Bay.
- 7 Copy of the Princess Mary's Charter Party.

Foolscap	...	...	...	...	...	3 Do.
Blue	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
Quills	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
Ink powder	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
Penknives	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
Hoans	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
Tape, Red	...	...	...	...	...	[...]
[...]	[...]
General Stores—						
Iron Europe	...	...	...	...	...	20 Candy
Steel Do:	...	...	...	...	...	2 Maund
Hartall	...	...	...	...	...	5 Do:
Rattans New	...	...	...	...	...	50 Bundles
Sheet Led	...	...	...	...	...	1 Roll
Bengall Twine, fine	...	...	...	...	...	6 Maund
Gunnery Stores—						
Tarpaulins New	...	...	...	...	...	12
Country Match	...	...	...	...	...	5 Candy
Europe Tarr	...	...	...	...	...	2 Barrells
Europe Cordage 6 Coils of Inches 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1½	
Armory Stores—						
Drum Lines	6
Do: Hoops	6

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RICHARD PRINCE.

VIZAGAPATAM

23^d: DEC^r: 1738

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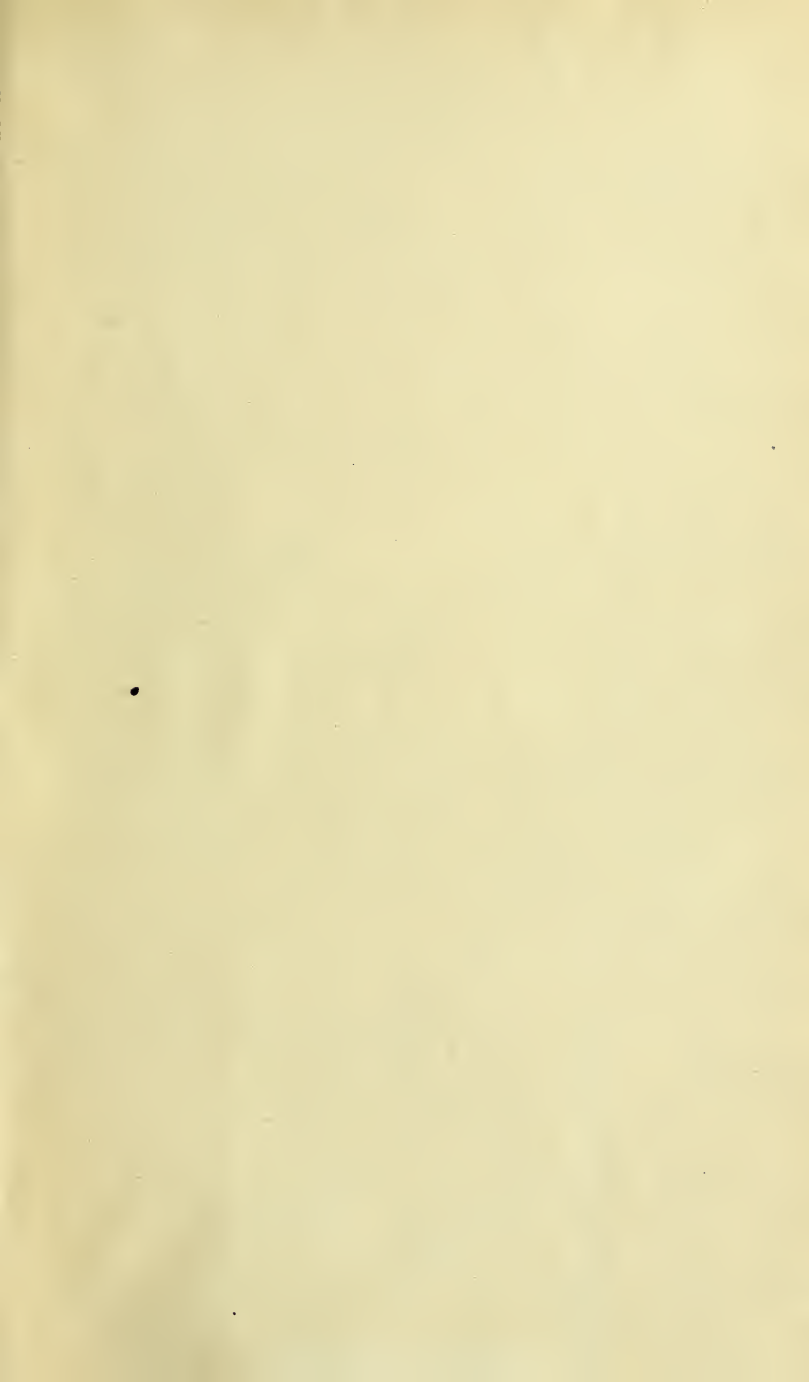
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